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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/111,482	07/08/1998	HIROSHI KIGUCHI	101111	5867

TITLE OF INVENTION: COMPOSITION FOR AN ORGANIC EL ELEMENT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE ORGANIC EL ELEMENT

TOTAL CLAIMS	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
28	nonprovisional	NO	\$1280	\$0	\$1280	07/22/2002

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Determination of Patent Term Extension under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

The patent term extension is 0 days. Any patent to issue from the above identified application will include an indication of the 0 day extension on the front page.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/111,482

Examiner

Marie R. Yamnitzky

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicants' amendment received 02/01/02 (Paper No. 24).
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2, 14, 4-13, 16-18 and 20-31 (renumbered as 1-28, respectively).
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 07/13/00 & 01/26/01, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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This communication is in response to applicants' amendment received 02/01/02 (Paper No. 24) which amends claims 1 and 18. Certified translations of applicants' foreign priority applications (JP 9-191681 filed 07/16/97 and JP 9-204697 filed 07/30/97) are provided with the amendment.

In consideration of the certified translations, WO 98/24271 is withdrawn as prior art, rendering moot the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) and 103(a) that are set forth in Paper No. 23.

This communication is also in response to the Information Disclosure Statement received 02/15/02 (Paper No. 25). All of the cited references have been considered by the examiner and are made of record. Applicants should receive a copy of the two initialed, signed and dated forms PTO-1449 with this communication.

Claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16 and 17 are directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Official Gazette notice dated March 26, 1996 (1184 O.G. 86), claims 18-31, directed to the process of making or using the patentable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, are now subject to being rejoined. Claims 18-31 are hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104.

Since all claims previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 have been rejoined, the restriction requirement made in Paper No. 9 is hereby withdrawn.

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eric Morehouse on 04/19/02.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 19 has been cancelled.

Claims 20 and 24-28, line 2 of each claim: "19" has been changed to --18--.

Claim 21, line 3: "type" has been deleted.

Claim 22, line 3: "polyallylene" has been changed to --polyarylene--.

Claim 23, line 2: --polyarylene vinylene-- has been inserted before precursor.

Claim 23, lines 2-3: "of the polyallylene vinylene" has been deleted.

Claim 19 has been deleted because it does not further limit claim 18 (claim 18 having been amended to depend from claim 1 which includes the limitation recited in claim 19).

The dependency of claims 20 and 24-28 is corrected in view of the cancellation of claim 19.

The changes to claims 21-23 correct problems under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and are consistent with changes previously made by applicants to claims 4-6, respectively.

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Regarding the requirement for corrected drawings as noted in the attached Notice of Allowability (PTO-37), the examiner has marked the proposed drawing correction filed 07/13/00 as "OK to enter provided corrections set forth in Paper #17 are made." "Paper #17" is the proposed drawing correction filed 01/26/01 which the examiner previously approved. Thus, the corrected drawings that are required are Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 as shown in the 07/13/00 proposed correction and Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 as shown in the 01/26/01 proposed correction.

Tables 1-22 have not been treated as drawings by the examiner and should not be resubmitted as part of the corrected drawings. The examiner has renumbered page 42 of the specification as page 42A and has numbered the sheets containing tables 1-22 as pages 42B-42W, respectively. Tables 1-22 are now placed in the specification before the claims.

The patent made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 6,372,154 B1 to Li is of interest as disclosing an ink for making organic electroluminescent devices that can be used in an ink-jet printing process. The patent does not disclose the use of a "precursor" of a conjugated organic polymer compound in the ink. (The patent also does not represent prior art, having a filing date after the U.S. filing date of the present application.)

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Marie R. Yamnitzky at telephone number (703) 308-4413. The examiner works a flexible schedule but can generally be reached at this number from 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and every other Wednesday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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